

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Charles Barnett of Knoxville on
being the recipient of the Distinguished Service
Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of this General Assembly pause to pay tribute to those exceptional Tennesseans who have achieved great success in their various areas of expertise; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Barnett is one such outstanding person who has recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Dr. Barnett offered a free flu vaccination program to improve local health and raise money for *The Knoxville News-Sentinel's* Empty Stocking Fund; and

WHEREAS, as the program gained momentum, it became widely recognized throughout the community. In 1992, Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center joined in to support Dr. Barnett's efforts; in 1994, the Knoxville Academy of Medicine and Blount County medical professionals helped to make the flu vaccination available throughout the entire metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, on one occasion, approximately 350 doctors and nurses offered more than 7,000 flu shots to Knoxville residents and surrounding areas, raising more than \$38,000 for the Empty Stocking Fund; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barnett, a 44 year old board-certified internist with the Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center, has certainly utilized his tremendous skills and talents for the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding leader is honored to receive such high praise from the Tennessee Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly pauses to specially recognize Dr. Barnett for this exceptional achievement in medicine; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and commend Dr. Charles Barnett upon being the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.